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Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL FOR A NEW PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of:

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For: Optical Disk Adapter for Optical Disk Label Printers

1. This is a new ☒ **Utility** ☐ **Design** ☐ **Plant** patent application.
2. The papers enclosed to obtain a filing date are as follows:
34 Pages of Application including
16 Sheets of drawings containing Figures 1-17
3. Declaration for Patent Application **OR** Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
☐ Enclosed and is newly executed by all inventors.
☐ Enclosed in this continuation/divisional application and is a copy from a prior application (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).
☒ Not Enclosed.
This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).
Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fees.
4. Language
☒ English
☐ Non-English
This application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(d) and §608.01 of the MPEP. Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the verified English translation and the processing fee.
5. Assignment
☐ An assignment of the invention to Assignee Name, and a PTO Form-1595, Recordation Form Cover Sheet, are enclosed.

☒ An assignment to Orient Instruments Computer Co., Ltd. will be filed at a later date.

6. Priority - foreign applications under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) or PCT international applications under 35 U.S.C. §365(a) designating at least one country other than the U.S.

☒ Priority of the following foreign application(s) is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Filed
Japan	2001-35873	February 13, 2001

Certified copy: ☐ is attached. ☒ will follow.

7. Priority based on provisional application(s) - 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

☐ Benefit of the following U.S. provisional application(s) is claimed:

Provisional Application No.	Filed

8. Preliminary Amendment

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 "This application is a ☐ continuation, ☐ division of co-pending application
 number , filed , which is hereby incorporated by reference"

9. Small entity status

☒ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 is claimed for this application.

10. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	at Rate of	Basic Fee Utility \$740.00 Design \$370.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	18 - 20 =	0	\$ 18.00 each=	+\$ 0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	2 - 3 =	0	\$ 84.00 each=	+ \$ 0.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d))			\$ 280.00	+ 0.00
SUB-TOTAL =				+\$ 740.00
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity				-\$ 370.00
TOTAL FILING FEE =				\$ 370.00

11. Fee Payment

- ☒ Not Enclosed. **NO FEE IS BEING PAID BY CHECK OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THIS TIME.**
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- ☐ Enclosed.
A check in the amount of \$_____ for the filing fees and a check for the Assignment fee of \$_____ are enclosed.

12. ☐ **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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